



SHERBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY CODE OF CONDUCT

Rationale:

Sherbourne Primary School seeks to provide an inclusive and safe teaching and learning environment for all members of the school community and visitors to our school.

Aim:

To assist with the safety and wellbeing of all members of our community, so that our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Learning guide our relationships with others to build a positive and caring community.

Specifically, this Code of Conduct is designed to provide a set of general principles to:

- Guide parents and carers toward developing positive relationships with staff, students and other parents and carers of Sherbourne Primary;
- Communicate the School's expectation as to how parents and carers conduct themselves when on School grounds;
- Explain how parents and carers can direct their concerns; and
- Create a positive, comfortable and non-threatening environment for the students, staff and school community of Sherbourne Primary School.

Implementation:

Parents, carers and community members are expected to:

- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- Respect and be inclusive of all persons regardless of race, culture, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability
- Respect and comply with reasonable requests and directions of the Principal and other members of staff.
- Support staff in maintaining a safe, secure and respectful learning environment for all students.
- Model appropriate behavior at all times within the school setting including at fundraising and sporting events.
- Work in partnership with the school to enhance the learning outcomes, well-being and conduct of their child.

- Raise any concerns about their child’s learning, conduct or wellbeing privately with the Class Teacher or Principal – preferably by appointment.
- Not approach a student with concerns.
- Respect the confidentiality of other school community members (see the SPS privacy policy)
- To understand that social media, such as Facebook, is a public forum and as such it is important to use common sense and respectful, positive forms of communication. The expectations for communicating via social media are the same as those when communicating in person or via the telephone.
- Show proper care and regard for school property.
- Not consume alcohol on the school premises unless at an event where alcohol consumption has been approved by School Council.
- Not bring dogs (with the exception of service dogs) into the school grounds between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm on any school day.
- At all times act in accordance with the Parent, Carer and Community Code of Conduct.

This Code is not intended to comprehensively address every situation but is a general guide only. It is hoped that community members can appropriately direct their concerns to the Principal, and contribute to a harmonious environment that reflects and builds on the School’s core vision and values.

Other Related School Policies:

- Student Engagement Policy
- Child Safe Policy
- Parent Complaints Policy
- Volunteers Policy

Evaluation: This Code of Conduct will be reviewed every three years as part of the school policy review cycle.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was endorsed by School Council	October 2017
Due for review:	October 2019